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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Geuze, *et al.*

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For: **CELL-DERIVED ANTIGEN PRESENTING
VESICLES**

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) Examiner: Amy DeCloux
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) Art Unit: 1644
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) **STATEMENT UNDER**
) **37 CFR §1.125(b)**
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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.125(b), Applicant states that the content of the above-referenced application originally filed in the USPTO on 2 February, 1998 and the substitute specification filed on 27 October, 2000 are the same. Rearrangements made to the originally filed text to address the objections raised by the Examiner on page 3 of paper 13 are shown in the marked-up copy of the substitute specification submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS

Cancel Claim 2.

3. (Reiterated) The antigen presenting vesicle according to claim 13 further comprising at least partially processed antigens.
4. (Reiterated) The vesicle according to claim 3 wherein said at least partially processed antigens are presented in the context of MHC class I proteins.
6. (Reiterated) The antigen presenting vesicle according to claim 13, wherein said antigen presenting cell is derived from a B-lymphocyte, a Langerhans cell, a macrophage or a dendritic cell.
9. (Three Times Amended) [A method for obtaining antigen presenting vesicles] An antigen presenting vesicle having a membrane and a major histocompatibility complex (MHC) class I protein, [said method comprising] obtained by the step of:
recovering a membrane-enriched fraction obtained by differential centrifugation of membrane-containing fractions of cell culture supernatants or lysates of antigen presenting cells [whereby fractions containing said antigen presenting vesicles are obtained].
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Cancel Claim 10.

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11. (Amended) [A method for obtaining antigen presenting vesicles] An antigen presenting vesicle having a membrane and a major histocompatibility complex [(MHC) protein derived from MHC] class I[I] molecule, [said method comprising] obtained by the step of:

recovering a 70,000 x g pellet obtained by differential centrifugation of membrane-containing fractions of cell culture media or lysates of antigen presenting cells containing MHC class I[I], whereby fractions containing said antigen presenting vesicles are obtained].

Not elected

12. (Amended) A [method for obtaining] purified antigen presenting vesicle[s] having a membrane and a major histocompatibility complex [(MHC) protein derived from MHC] class I[I] molecule, [said method comprising] obtained by the step of:

recovering a fraction having a buoyant density of 1.10 to 1.22 g/ml from a 70,000 x g pellet obtained by differential centrifugation of membrane-containing fractions of cell culture supernatants or lysates of antigen presenting cells containing MHC class I[I], whereby purified antigen presenting vesicles are obtained].

Not elected

13. (Twice Amended) An antigen presenting vesicle free from its natural surroundings, comprising:

a membrane and a major histocompatibility complex (MHC) class I protein or a functional derivative or fragment thereof, wherein said antigen presenting vesicle is obtainable from [a] an antigen presenting cell.

Add the following new claim:

14. (New) The antigen presenting vesicle according to Claim 13, wherein said vesicle does not contain a transferrin receptor.

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